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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
Representative Poe in the chair.
Prayer by Clerk of the House Mark Mahoney.
Minutes Clerk Amber L. Evans led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENTS

August 1, 2005

Clerk of the House of
Representatives
Attn: Mark Mahoney
Room 402
Capitol Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

This office is forwarding herewith a copy of the Notice of Vacancy from the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 55th Representative District, declaring the existence of a vacancy in the Office of Representative in the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly in the 55th Representative District, as a result of the resignation of **John Millner** effective June 30, 2005.

Also enclosed is the copy of the Certificate of Appointment by the Republican Representative Committee of the 55th Representative District for **Harry R. Ramey, Jr., 935 Glenlake Drive, Carol Stream, Illinois 60188**, to fill the vacancy in the Office of Representative, in the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly for the 55th Representative District.

Yours truly,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

June 30, 2005

Mr. Mark Mahoney
Clerk of the House
402 State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mark,

I am writing to notify you of my resignation from my seat in the House of Representatives for the 55th District effective June 30, 2005.

I have truly enjoyed my time in the House of Representatives; the experience I have gained and the many positive relationships that we have developed will be with me always. I appreciate the leadership and guidance you have all given and look forward to working with all of you and my fellow House members from my place in the Senate chamber.

Yours In Service,
s/John Millner
State Representative
55th District

NOTICE**Change in the Ninety-Fourth General Assembly****HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES****Appointment**

Harry R. Ramey, Jr.
 935 Glenlake Drive
 Carol Stream, IL 60188
 55th Representative District
 Appointed: July 29, 2005
 Filed: August 1, 2005

Vacancy

John Millner
 55th Representative District
 Resigned: June 30, 2005
 Filed: July 22, 2005

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY

Representative Committee of the)
 Republican Party of the)
 55th Legislative District)
)
 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
 COUNTY OF COOK)

WHEREAS, Representative John Millner, a member of the Republican Party, has resigned as Representative in the General Assembly for the Fifty-Fifth Representative District;

WHEREAS, Representative Millner's resignation was effective June 30, 2005;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the Fifty-Fifth Representative District does hereby find and declare that the office of Representative in the General Assembly for the Fifty-Fifth Representative District is Vacant.

SIGNED: Kirk W. Dillard
 Chairman

Dated: July 1, 2005

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY
 IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 IN THE FIFTY-FIFTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT**

Representative Committee of the
 Republican Party of the
 55th Representative District

STATE OF ILLINOIS
 COUNTIES OF
 COOK, DUPAGE, KANE

[October 19, 2005]

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the office of Representative in the General Assembly in the 55th Representative District of the State of Illinois by reason of the resignation of John Millner, a duly elected member of the Republican Party from the 55th Representative District of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 55th Representative District has met and voted to fill the vacancy in said office, as required by 10 ILCS 5/25-6;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 55th Representative Committee hereby appoints Harry R. Ramey, Jr., of 935 Glenlake Drive, Carol Stream, Illinois, 60188, a member of the Republican Party, to the office of Representative in the General Assembly in the 55th Representative District, effective July 29, 2005.

s/Kirk W. Dillard
Chairman

s/Dennis P. Wiggins
Secretary

s/Brian B. McGuire
Member

Dated: July 29, 2005

ATTEST: Dennis P. Wiggins
Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

55th Representative District)
)
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF COOK)

This is to certify that, in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/8-5, the Representative Committee of the Republican Party of the 55th Representative District met on the 1st day of July, 2005, in the Village of West Chicago, County of DuPage, and organized by electing the following officers in conformity with the Election Laws of this State.

Chairman: Kirk W. Dillard
501 Wedgewood Court
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Secretary: Dennis Wiggins
2079 Carolyn Road
Aurora, IL 60506

SIGNED: Kirk W. Dillard
Chairman

ATTEST: Dennis P. Wiggins
Secretary

OATH OF OFFICE

I, Harry R. Ramey, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Illinois State Representative to the best of my ability.

s/Harry R. Ramey

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 1st day of August, 2005

s/John J. Kinsella

Associate Judge Dupage County

s/Nancy A. Franz

State of Illinois Official Notary Public Seal

August 1, 2005

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Graham replaced Representative Chapa LaVia in the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education on August 4, 2005.

Representative Bellock replaced Representative Sacia in the Committee on Judiciary II - Criminal Law on September 20, 2005.

Representative Lang replaced Representative Hannig in the Committee on Rules on October 18, 2005.

Representative Bellock replaced Representative Hassert in the Committee on Rules on October 18, 2005.

REPORTS

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

Report on "Abolished Entities", submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

Waivers of School Code Mandates: Fall 2005 Summary Report, submitted by State Board of Education.

Consolidation and Reorganization of Activities, September 2005, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

FY 2005 Highway Program Accomplishments, submitted by Department of Transportation.

FY 2006 Budget Summary of The State of Illinois, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Property Taxes in Illinois, 2005 Update, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Certification for Designation, Franklin County Power of Illinois, LLC, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

2004 Annual Report and Financial Summaries, submitted by Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan.

FY 2005 Fourth Quarter Procurement Activity Report, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Annual Report - Before and After School Report, FY 2005, submitted by State Board of Education.

Financial Statements, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Quarterly Report to the Legislature, July 1, 2005, submitted by Adult and Juvenile Facilities.

Screening, Assessment and Support Services Monitoring and Evaluation Report (Disc format), submitted by Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Report on Study on patient care of a PDL used in the treatment of serious mental illness, submitted by Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Elementary and Secondary Education, 2005, submitted by State Board of Education.

Wagering In Illinois, 2005 Update, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Autism Task Force Report, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Report on Emerging Money Managers, FY 2005, submitted by State Board of Investment.

Use of Emerging Investment Managers, submitted by State Universities Retirement System of Illinois.

Report of The City of East St. Louis Financial Advisory Authority, 1990 thru 2005, submitted by City of East St. Louis Financial Advisory Authority.

Annual Report, FY 2005, submitted by Office of the State Appellate Defender.

Reorganization Report, July 2005, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Annual Report, submitted by Department of Transportation.

Proposed Improvements for Illinois Highways, FY 2006, submitted by Department of Transportation.

Document entitled "Report on the Wheeling Township Road District Flood Hazard Mitigation Project, June 2005.", submitted by Department of Natural Resources.

Internet Voter Registration Study, submitted by State Board of Elections.

Quarterly Report, April thru June 2005, submitted by Office of the Legislative Inspector General.

Report on the Reorganization of the Illinois Building Commission and the Capital Development Board, submitted by Capital Development Board.

Annual Report on hospitals receiving payments under the Excellence in Academic Medicine Act, submitted by Department of Public Aid.

FY 2005 Third Quarter Procurement Activity Report, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

The Reduction of Infant Mortality in Illinois, submitted by Department of Human Services.

CMS Day Care Report, submitted by Illinois Medical District.

Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, and SASS Cost Analysis AND Monitoring of the SASS system (Disc format), submitted by Department of Public Aid, Department of Human Services, and Department of Children and Family Services.

Annual Report, 2004, submitted by Chicago/Gary Regional Airport Authority.

Report on Illinois Disabilities Service Act, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Report on task force studying issues related to a uniform building code, submitted by Capital Development Board.

Educator Supply & Demand Report, submitted by State Board of Education.

Small Business Report, FY 2004, submitted by Central Management Services.

Annual Report on Business Enterprise Program, FY 2003, submitted by Department of Central Management Services.

Report to the General Assembly House Resolution 413, June 2005, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Energy Conservation Technical Assistance Update, 2004, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Energy Efficiency Trust Fund Program Report, January 2003 thru December 2004, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Renewable Energy Resources Program Report, December 1997 thru December 2004, submitted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics Report, submitted by Board of Higher Education.

Report of the Education Funding Advisory Board, submitted by Education Funding Advisory Board.

Flexible Work Arrangement, April 2005, submitted by Department on Aging.

Flexible Work Schedule, submitted by Department of Human Rights.

Report on the Effects of The Banking on Illinois Act, submitted by Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Annual Report on The Homeless Prevention Program, FY 2004, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Report on Illinois Emergency Food and Shelter Program and Supportive Housing Program, FY 2004, submitted by Department of Human Services.

Report required under the Illinois Environmental Facilities Financing Act, submitted by Illinois Finance Authority.

Bi-Annual Report, May 2005, submitted by Public Building Commission of Chicago.

Financial Statements, submitted by Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority.

Financial Audit for Regional Office of Education #45, Monroe & Randolph Counties, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Motor Fuel; Pricing Factors, Tax Structures, and Other Related Issues, 2005, submitted by Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Summary Report on Agency Efficiency Initiative Payments, June 2005, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination for Department of Professional Regulation, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Regional Office of Education #44, McHenry County, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Iroquois and Kankakee Counties Regional Office of Education 32, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Grundy and Kendall Counties Regional Office of Education 24, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Single Audit Report for State of Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Supplemental Report of Federal Expenditures for State of Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Report on Compliance and Internal Control over financial reporting for State of Illinois, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Intermediate Service Center 2, submitted by .

Financial Audit for Intermediate Service Center 2, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Lee and Ogle Counties Regional Office of Education 47, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit and Compliance Examination for DuPage Water Commission, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for North Cook Intermediate Service Center 1, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for South Cook Intermediate Service Center 4, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for DuPage County Regional Office of Education 19, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Regional Office of Education 50, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Third Party Review for Department of Central Management Services Bureau of Communication & Computer Services, July 2005, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial, Compliance, and Program Audit for the Village of Robbins' use of Municipal Economic Development Funds, July 2005, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination for Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Statements for Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General. Trust Indenture Basis Financial Statements for Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Regional Office of Education 41, Madison County, submitted by Office of the Auditor General. Financial Audit for Hancock and McDonough Regional Office of Education 26, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Compliance Examination for Illinois Housing Development Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Illinois Housing Development Authority, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Illinois State Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Lake County Regional Office of Education 34, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Regional Office of Education 2, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Illinois Student Assistance Commission, Illinois Designated Account Purchase Program, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for LaSalle County Regional Office of Education 35, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Illinois Student Assistance Commission, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Illinois Student Assistance Program, Illinois Prepaid Tuition Program, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Rock Island County Regional Office of Education 49, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

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Financial Audit for Boone and Winnebago Counties Regional Office of Education 4, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Peoria County Regional Office of Education 48, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Bureau, Henry, and Stark Counties Regional Office of Education 28, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for DeKalb County Regional Office of Education 16, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Financial Audit for Carroll, Jo Daviess, and Stephenson Counties Regional Office of Education 8, submitted by Office of the Auditor General.

Report to the Illinois Department of Public Aid, Need for Therapeutic Class Review, Antipsychotic agents, submitted by Department of Human Services and Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

October 18, 2005

Mark Mahoney
Chief Clerk of the House
402 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Clerk Mahoney:

Please be advised that I am extending the Final Action Deadline to January 11, 2006 for the following House Bills and Senate Bills:

House Bills: 230, 1498, 1664, 1920.

Senate Bills: 36, 92, 176, 204, 273, 319, 331, 1208, 1213, 1445, 1620, 1681, 1843 and 1879.

If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Tim Mapes, at 782-6360.

With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely yours,
s/Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE – Secretary of State

October 11, 2005

To the Honorable Speaker of the House:

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed House Bills from the 94th General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor together with his objections.

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Respectfully,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

August 1, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 340, entitled "AN ACT concerning criminal law." House Bill 340 eliminates the required waiting period for purchasing a firearm if the purchaser is trading in one gun for another. Waiting periods serve an important purpose; they help prevent certain violent crime. Domestic violence shootings, suicide attempts, and crimes of passion may be averted or reduced if a potential offender is required to wait up to 72 hours before purchasing a weapon. This bill allows current gun owners access to more dangerous weapons and or handguns without any cooling off period. I do not believe this exemption is necessary.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 340.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 10, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 528, entitled "AN ACT concerning the Township Code." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 528 contains identical language as Public Act 94-0469, which I signed into law on August 4, 2005.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 528.

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Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 8, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 723, entitled "AN ACT concerning conservation." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 723 contains identical language as Public Act 94-0064, which I signed into law on June 21, 2005.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 723.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 16, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 733, entitled "AN ACT concerning schools." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 733 contains identical language as Public Act 94-0199, which I signed into law on July 12, 2005.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 733.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 15, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 1334, entitled "AN ACT concerning transportation." House Bill 1334 increases the maximum allowable weight limits for concrete mixer trucks on both state and local roads. Over time, the structural impact of these increases will cost taxpayers more in repair and replacement costs. More importantly, trucks operating under such payloads undermine the safety designs of our bridges and culverts. Increasing these limits could compromise the safety of others users of our roadways.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 1334.

Sincerely,
ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 12, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 1486, entitled "AN ACT concerning wildlife." House Bill 1486 allows hunters to use snares to trap animals such as raccoons, foxes and beavers on land. These traps have been banned in Illinois for over 50 years because the trap's wire hoop strangles the animal. Twenty-one states in the nation do not allow the use of snares.

Snares are inhumane and indiscriminate. Not only do they cruelly kill wild animals for their fur, they may also kill domestic pets and even endangered species. Even though the bill requires a mechanism on the snare to reduce the chance of strangulation, the safety provisions are still inadequate and animals would suffer unnecessarily. While I support the hunters and trappers of Illinois, I refuse to support this particularly gruesome hunting method that's been banned in the state for years.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 1486.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 22, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 1487, entitled "AN ACT concerning education." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 1487 contains identical language as Public Act 94-0157, which I signed into law on July 8, 2005.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 1487.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 16, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 2528, entitled "AN ACT concerning finances." Currently, no State facility can take action towards closure without notifying the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. In

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addition, the Commission enjoys the freedom and discretion to require recommendations and public hearings before a State facility closes. House Bill 2528 removes this discretion and requires the State to submit to certain procedures before closing many of the facilities operated by the Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services and the Department of Veterans' Affairs. As a result, an agency will incur additional administrative costs and many closures that the Commission is not interested in reviewing will be significantly delayed. The delay in action will only serve to diminish the costs savings in year one. Since the Commission already enjoys the authority to oversee our facility closures; additional mandates only serve to increase spending and frustrate government efficiency.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 2528.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 12, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 2595, entitled "AN ACT concerning revenue." House Bill 2595 allows certain building owners to petition for the creation of a Special Service Area in order to levy additional taxes. While House Bill 2595 requires all the building owners to agree before the Special Service Area is created, the increased taxes will most likely result in increased costs for the tenants of these buildings. Therefore, I will not consent to this change of the Property Tax Code.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 2595.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 12, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 3095, entitled "AN ACT concerning education." This legislation promotes an important purpose: providing a funding source for school districts in financial difficulty. Yet, this legislation also poses a significant hurdle: increasing property taxes to pay for this purpose outside the limits of tax caps and the voter approval process required by them. The challenge, which we have faced throughout state government, is to fund important services and programs without asking the people of Illinois to pay more in taxes. I remain committed to this principle and cannot support legislation that asks for an increase in property taxes.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 3095.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 12, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 3498, entitled "AN ACT concerning regulation." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 3498 contains identical language as Public Act 94-0528, which I signed into law on August 10, 2005.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 3498.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 12, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 3538, entitled "AN ACT concerning property." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 3538 contains identical language as Public Act 94-0386, which I signed into law on July 29, 2005.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 3538.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

July 21, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 3597, entitled "AN ACT concerning law enforcement." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 3597 contains identical language as Public Act 94-0103, which I signed into law on July 1, 2005.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 3597.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

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To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 3651, entitled "AN ACT concerning highways." House Bill 3651 could result in an extension of taxes that should be left to the voters of this township. I do not intend to intercede in the taxing scheme of this township.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 3651.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 16, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(b) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby veto House Bill 3694, entitled "AN ACT concerning local government." I recognize and appreciate the hard work of all the sponsors in passing this legislation. However, House Bill 3694 contains identical language as Public Act 94-0544, which I signed into law on August 10, 2005.

For this reason, I hereby veto and return House Bill 3694.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE – Secretary of State

October 11, 2005

To the Honorable Speaker of the House:

Sir:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed House Bills from the 94th General Assembly, that are being returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change.

HOUSE BILLS

0029
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Respectfully,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

August 10, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 29 entitled "AN ACT in relation to criminal law," with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 1, by replacing line 10 with the following:
"person under the age of 21 is guilty of a Class A €"; and
on page 1, line 24, by replacing "18" with "21"; and
on page 1, line 25, by replacing "18" with "21".

With these changes, House Bill 29 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 8, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 911 entitled "AN ACT concerning government," with the following specific recommendations for change:

on page 1, by replacing line 7 with the following:
"Sec. 6. Joint self-insurance.
(a) An intergovernmental"; and
on page 2, line 14, before "No", by inserting "(b)"; and
on page 3, line 3, after "members", by inserting "This subsection (b) does not apply to the State of Illinois and its agencies.".

With these changes, House Bill 911 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 9, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 1391, entitled "AN ACT concerning civil law," with the following specific recommendations for change:

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on page 2, lines 3 through 5, by deleting "The Demutualization Trust Fund shall not be subject to Section 8h or 8j of the State Finance Act."; and

on page 6, lines 29 and 30, by replacing "amending Sections 8h and" with "changing Section"; and by deleting line 33 on page 6 through line 19 on page 8; and

on page 9, by deleting lines 25 through 27.

With these changes, House Bill 1391 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 12, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 2525, entitled "AN ACT concerning business", with the following specific recommendation for change:

On page 1, line 5, by deleting "8,"; and

On page 2, by deleting lines 20 through 35; and

On page 3, by deleting lines 1 through 20.

With these changes, House Bill 2525 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 12, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 3272 entitled "AN ACT concerning finance," with the following specific recommendations for change:

On page 1, line 31, delete the words, "the Teacher Health"

On page 1, line 32, delete the following, "Insurance Security Fund."

On page 1, line 24, insert after "July 1, 2003," the following: "In fiscal year 2006 only, prior to calculating the July 1, 2005 final balances, the Governor may calculate and direct the State Treasurer with the Comptroller to transfer additional amounts determined by applying the formula in Subsections (a) (i) and (a) (ii), above to the fund balances on July 1, 2004."

I strongly believe in protecting the solvency of the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program and providing health insurance to our retired teachers. I signed legislation, PA 92-505, which established a new methodology to ensure sufficient funding for our retired teachers' health benefits. However, we should not further restrain the Office of Management and Budget from applying charge backs when appropriate. These charge backs recognize the valuable financial management services that the State provides to these funds. On the contrary, we should provide the Office of Management and Budget more flexibility in determining the value of these services. Therefore, this amendatory veto will allow us to revisit the charge back calculations for fiscal year 2005 in accordance with the statutory formula. With these changes, House Bill 3272 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

August 22, 2005

To the Honorable Members of the
Illinois House of Representatives
94th General Assembly

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 9(e) of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, I hereby return House Bill 3480, entitled "An ACT concerning education", with the following specific recommendations for change:

On page 7, by replacing lines 6 and 7 with the following:
"Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law, except that the changes to Section 17-1 of the School Code take effect on July 1, 2006."

With these changes, House Bill 3480 will have my approval. I respectfully request your concurrence.

Sincerely,
s/ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
Governor

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on October 18, 2005, and reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bills be reported "approved for consideration" and be placed on the order of Second Reading--Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 230, 1664, 1920 and SENATE BILLS 92, 176, 1843 and 1879.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:
3, Yeas; 1, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie, Barbara(D), Chairperson
Y Hannig, Gary(D) (Lang)
Y Turner, Arthur(D)

A Black, William(R), Republican Spokesperson
N Hassert, Brent(R) (Bellock)

COMMITTEE ON RULES REFERRALS

Representative Currie, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, reported the following legislative measures and/or joint action motions have been assigned as follows:

Agriculture & Conservation: HOUSE RESOLUTION 520.
Elections & Campaign Reform: SENATE BILLS 204 and 1445.
Elementary & Secondary Education: HOUSE RESOLUTION 509.
Executive: SENATE BILLS 1208 and 1213.
Higher Education: HOUSE RESOLUTION 609.
Human Services: SENATE BILL 1620.
Judiciary I - Civil Law: SENATE BILL 1681.
Judiciary II - Criminal Law: HOUSE RESOLUTION 530; SENATE BILLS 273 and 319.
Personnel and Pensions: HOUSE BILL 1498; HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 606 and 654.

Registration and Regulation: SENATE BILL 331.
State Government Administration: HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 597 and 621.
Transportation and Motor Vehicles: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 66.
Tourism & Conventions: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 64.
Veterans Affairs: SENATE BILL 36.

RE-REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following bills were re-referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 19(a) HOUSE BILLS 157, 180, 398, 487, 893, 1349, 2244, 2596, 3650 and SENATE BILLS 79 and 158.

VETO MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Representative Meyer submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 3651 do pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Representative Osmond submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 3095 do pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Representative Mautino submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 1486 do pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Representative Kosel submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 1334 do pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Representative Reis submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 340 do pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Representative Biggins submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 2595 do pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding.

Representative Saviano submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 2525 do pass, the Governor's Specific Recommendations for Change notwithstanding.

Representative Churchill submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 911 do pass, the Governor's Specific Recommendations for Change notwithstanding.

Representative Leitch submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 3272 do pass, the Governor's Specific Recommendations for Change notwithstanding.

Representative Jerry Mitchell submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move that HOUSE BILL 29 do pass, the Governor's Specific Recommendations for Change notwithstanding.

Representative Kosel submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions:

MOTION #1

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to HOUSE BILL 3480 in manner and form as follows:

**AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3480
IN ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

MOTION #1

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 3480 in manner and form as follows:

**AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3480
IN ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

Amend House Bill 3480 on page 7, by replacing lines 6 and 7 with the following:

"Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law, except that the changes to Section 17-1 of the School Code take effect on July 1, 2006."

Date: October 17, 2005

s/Representative Renee Kosel

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
FIRST READING**

Representative Stephens introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 21**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois Constitution by

changing Section 3 of Article IV as follows:

ARTICLE IV
THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

(a) Legislative Districts shall be compact, contiguous and substantially equal in population of citizens. Representative Districts shall be compact, contiguous, and substantially equal in population of citizens.

(b) In the year following each Federal decennial census year, the General Assembly by law shall redistrict the Legislative Districts and the Representative Districts.

If no redistricting plan becomes effective by June 30 of that year, a Legislative Redistricting Commission shall be constituted not later than July 10. The Commission shall consist of eight members, no more than four of whom shall be members of the same political party.

The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint to the Commission one Representative and one person who is not a member of the General Assembly. The President and Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint to the Commission one Senator and one person who is not a member of the General Assembly.

The members shall be certified to the Secretary of State by the appointing authorities. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled within five days by the authority that made the original appointment. A Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be chosen by a majority of all members of the Commission.

Not later than August 10, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least five members.

If the Commission fails to file an approved redistricting plan, the Supreme Court shall submit the names of two persons, not of the same political party, to the Secretary of State not later than September 1.

Not later than September 5, the Secretary of State publicly shall draw by random selection the name of one of the two persons to serve as the ninth member of the Commission.

Not later than October 5, the Commission shall file with the Secretary of State a redistricting plan approved by at least five members.

An approved redistricting plan filed with the Secretary of State shall be presumed valid, shall have the force and effect of law and shall be published promptly by the Secretary of State.

The Supreme Court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over actions concerning redistricting the House and Senate, which shall be initiated in the name of the People of the State by the Attorney General.

(Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4, 1980.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect beginning with redistricting in 2011.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 21 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered printed and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 4086. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 4087. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4088. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4089. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4090. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4091. Introduced by Representatives Lyons, Eileen - Stephens - Mitchell, Bill - Sacia - Munson, Schock, Winters, Lindner, Cultra, Pritchard, Kosel, Fritchey, Bellock, Franks and Pihos, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 4092. Introduced by Representatives Lindner - Franks, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4093. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4094. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 4095. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning unfair business practices.

HOUSE BILL 4096. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 4097. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT regarding law enforcement.

HOUSE BILL 4098. Introduced by Representatives Franks - Chapa LaVia and Tryon, AN ACT concerning aging.

HOUSE BILL 4099. Introduced by Representatives Franks - Bradley, John - Jakobsson - Flider - Phelps, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4100. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4101. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning sex offenders.

HOUSE BILL 4102. Introduced by Representative Daniels, AN ACT making appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4103. Introduced by Representatives Franks - Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4104. Introduced by Representatives Franks - Chapa LaVia - Tryon, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4105. Introduced by Representatives Moffitt - Smith - Black - Flider - Mitchell, Bill, Reis, Sacia, Stephens, Jakobsson, Gordon, Beiser, Verschoore, Bradley, John, Dugan, Poe, Granberg, Reitz, Franks, Phelps, Jefferson, Brady and Leitch, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4106. Introduced by Representatives Boland - McGuire, Pihos, Pritchard, Cross, Gordon, Jakobsson, Munson, Dugan, Beiser, Lindner, Dunn, Hoffman, Black, Verschoore, Winters, Ryg, Hassert, Bradley, John, Schock, Leitch, Daniels, Reis, Bellock, Poe, Brauer and Stephens, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 4107. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning motor fuel.

HOUSE BILL 4108. Introduced by Representative Gordon, AN ACT concerning property.

HOUSE BILL 4109. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Sullivan - Munson - Parke - Schock, Brauer, Krause, Ramey, Brady, Schmitz, Pihos, Tryon, Bassi, Poe, Lindner, Sommer, Saviano, Osmond, Lyons, Eileen, Hultgren, Sacia, Pritchard, Jenisch, Mulligan, Bost, Eddy, Biggins, Coulson, Dunn, Kosel, Bellock, Daniels, Mathias, Beaubien, Leitch, Cultra and Winters, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4110. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4111. Introduced by Representative Lyons, Eileen, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 4112. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning municipalities.

HOUSE BILL 4113. Introduced by Representative Black, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 4114. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4115. Introduced by Representative Ramey, AN ACT concerning taxes.

HOUSE BILL 4116. Introduced by Representatives Franks - Smith - Sacia - Schock - Pritchard and Bassi, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4117. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4118. Introduced by Representative Stephens, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4119. Introduced by Representatives Mitchell, Bill and Moffitt, AN ACT concerning motor fuel.

HOUSE BILL 4120. Introduced by Representative Leitch, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4121. Introduced by Representative Burke, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4122. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4123. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning motor fuel.

HOUSE BILL 4124. Introduced by Representative Churchill, AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4125. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 4126. Introduced by Representatives Mitchell, Bill - Pritchard, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 4127. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Jerry, AN ACT concerning property.

HOUSE BILL 4128. Introduced by Representative McAuliffe, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4129. Introduced by Representatives Cross - Bellock, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4130. Introduced by Representative Mitchell, Bill, AN ACT concerning elections.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 625

Offered by Representative Eddy:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Ronald E. Everett, Ph.D., will be retiring June 30, 2006, after 40 years of service in the field of education; he is Professor Emeritus of Educational Administration and School Business Management at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and has served as Executive Director of the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (Illinois ASBO) since 1982; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Everett received his Bachelor of Science degree, Master of Arts degree, and Ph.D. from the University of Utah; and

WHEREAS, He spent 17 years in such roles as a classroom teacher, Business Manager, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent and 25 years in his university assignment and as Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Everett received the first ASBO International Eagle Award (Service to the Profession), the IASA Van Miller Outstanding Scholar Practitioner Award from the University of Illinois and the Illinois Association of School Administrators, and was installed as Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Lincolnshire-Humberside University in Lincoln, England, where he annually lectures in their MBA program for school bursars; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Everett has published many articles in the area of school finance and school business management and recently completed a second edition of an accounting textbook for school administrators; in addition to his publication record, he has spoken at conferences and conducted seminars and workshops in Canada, Chile, United Kingdom, China, South Africa, Australia, and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, His current efforts focus on delivering the full Master's Degree in School Business Management Program online; in addition to his other activities, Dr. Everett previously served on and continues to serve on numerous educational consortia and other associations and committees relating to the field of education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor and recognize Dr. Everett for his 40 years of service and outstanding leadership in the field of education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Everett as an expression of our respect and esteem and with our best wishes on the occasion of his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 626

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The members of this Body are honored to recognize significant milestones in the lives of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Mabel (Stevenson) Robinson of Chicago is celebrating the 80th anniversary of her birth; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Robinson was born on September 23, 1925, in Denver, Colorado; she married Robert Robinson, and together they had eight children; the children were raised in the Roman Catholic faith and attended Catholic elementary and high schools in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Sadly, her husband passed away at a young age, and Mrs. Robinson continued to raise her children on her own; she kept them in Catholic schools and ensured that they attended college; today, the professions of her children include police officer, registered nurse, counselor, pharmacist, lawyer, CEO of the local (Detroit area) Girl Scouts, college placement counselor, university administrator, and business owner; and

WHEREAS, Her family is hosting an 80th birthday party in her honor on Saturday, September 24, 2005; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Mabel (Stevenson) Robinson on the occasion of her 80th birthday, and we extend to her our sincere best wishes for the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 627

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus were founded in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882 and were beginning to make a tremendous appeal to Catholic men throughout the Catholic Church of America during the early 1900s; the spirit of Columbian action caught on in Centralia and application was made to New Haven for a local council, with the charter being granted on July 9, 1905; in 1905, there were 55 chartered members; today, the Council numbers 135; and

WHEREAS, Throughout their 100 years, the Knights have been tireless in their commitment to financial aid for those in need with drives to aid the United Fund, the Crippled Children's Association, the Mentally Disabled, and those afflicted with catastrophic diseases; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus promote family values by providing numerous activities throughout the year for the entire family in which to participate; additionally, the organization provides an opportunity to ensure that a member's family is provided for in the event of death; and

WHEREAS, The Centralia Council No. 1025 is led by Chaplain Very Reverend David Darin, Grand Knight Ron Langenfeld, Deputy Grand Knight Stephen Brink, Chancellor Mike Stock, Recorder David Ford, Financial Secretary Steve Beard, Treasurer Jim Lavin, Advocate Jim Opolony, Lecturer Joe Marcum, Warden Phil Quandt, Inside Guard Shane Quandt, Outside Guard Chris Zeloako, and Trustees Jack Graham, G. Altenbaumer, and Richard Neff; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Knights of Columbus Centralia Council No. 1025 on 100 years of service in the Centralia area; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to each of the officers and leaders of Council No. 1025 as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 628

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, Dr. A.P. Aguilar, a family practice physician in the Kinmundy, Salem, Illinois area, has retired after 52 years of dedicated service to medicine and 37 years of serving the local community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aguilar emigrated from Cuba to Spain and then to the United States; many years ago, a friend named Dr. Rubio, who came from the same town in Cuba, invited him to come to Kinmundy to practice medicine; and

WHEREAS, While leading a very quiet life, he gave a lifetime of service to his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, He lives with his wife, Isabell, and is the father of four children (three surviving, one deceased); he also has two grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aguilar will spend his retirement gardening, reading, and playing with his grandchildren; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Dr. Aguilar for his many years of dedicated service and join with the residents of the community and the Salem Township Hospital administration and staff to wish him the best of health and happiness in the years to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. A.P. Aguilar as an expression of our utmost admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 630

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representative are honored to recognize significant milestones in the lives of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, Jane Rowland, a longtime trustee of the Calumet City Public Library, was recently elected to serve as president of the Association of Library Trustees and Advocates, a division of the American Library Association; and

WHEREAS, A voracious reader since childhood and a member of the library's board for more than a decade, she always has believed the library is really the center of a community; the institutions provide residents with a building that offers a space for people to gather, host events, and obtain research assistance; and

WHEREAS, As a trustee, she was instrumental in securing a \$100,000 state grant for the library's new technology training center, as well as \$50,000 for after-school funding and other educational programs; she is now working to secure funding for a 10,000-square-foot expansion to the building; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being active in library events and advocacy nationwide, she works part-time in the offices of the city's Emergency Service Disaster Agency; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Jane Rowland's outstanding efforts and dedication to the Calumet City Public Library and wish her the best in her new position as president of the Association of Library Trustees and Advocates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jane Rowland as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 631

Offered by Representative Fritchey:

WHEREAS, Cindy Bandle has been called to her eternal reward at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, She would have been 50 years old on Halloween in 2005; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Lincoln Park, Cindy Bandle was a longtime champion of Chicago's theater community and was the loving and devoted wife of Alton Miller; and

WHEREAS, Known for her candor, wit, and genuine affection for Chicago's arts community, Cindy Bandle earned a reputation as a skilled ambassador for the Goodman Theatre, where she had served as its publicist since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her two decades of able service on behalf of the Goodman Theatre, Cindy Bandle promoted two-hundred productions and worked closely with celebrities, including Carol Burnett, Brian Dennehy, Arthur Miller, Stephen Sondheim, Harold Prince, and David Mamet; and

WHEREAS, Born in Oklahoma, Cindy Bandle began her career working in her mother's public relations firm in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Bandle first moved to Chicago in the late 1970s and strongly supported her husband's role as Mayor Harold Washington's press secretary during the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, A woman of dignity, grace, and charm, Cindy Bandle inspired the lives of countless people through her great personal goodness and constant dedication to Chicago's ever-growing and vibrant arts community; and

WHEREAS, The hard work, sacrifice, and dedication of Cindy Bandle will serve as an example to all; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Bandle will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her many relatives, friends, and admirers; and

WHEREAS, To her husband, Alton Miller, her half-brother, Melvin, her stepbrother, Curt, and her stepdaughter, Julie Miller Stewart, Cindy Bandle imparts a legacy of faithfulness, service, and dignity; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we do hereby commemorate Cindy Bandle for her grace-filled life and do hereby express our condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to her family as an expression of our

deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 632

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, The congregation of Sharon United Methodist Church in Plainfield will celebrate the church's 150th anniversary on November 6, 2005; and

WHEREAS, The day of celebration will begin with a special worship service, followed by a coffee hour; photo albums, artifacts, and posters will be on display featuring the church, the pastors, the congregation, and Plainfield through the years; an afternoon German heritage-themed potluck dinner will be followed by a skit performed by the Sunday School children; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Church has graced the corner of Lockport and Dillman Streets from 1855 to 2005; under the pastoral care of ministers "Father" Daniel Shreffler to Rev. Doug Booth, the congregation has changed from Evangelical to Evangelical United Brethren to United Methodist; the sanctuary and altar have changed many times as well; stained glass windows now grace every sunlit opening along with the bell tower; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the congregation of Sharon United Methodist Church on the happy occasion of the church's 150th anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sharon United Methodist Church as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 633

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, Dave Krahn, an Oswego Village Board Trustee and founding director of the Oswego Economic Development Corporation Board, has retired; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Krahn served on the Village Board of Trustees from 1993 to 1997 and 1999 to 2005; during his first term, he founded the Oswego Economic Development Corporation (OEDC), which opened for business on March 1, 1996; he served as Chairman of the OEDC Board of Directors from 1996 to 1997 and 2000 to 2004; during his tenure as OEDC Chairman, Oswego became a regional retail destination with the development of Oswego Commons, a 500,000-square-foot shopping center; many national retailers and restaurants have selected sites in Oswego, and several other shopping centers on Route 34 and on Orchard Road are now under construction; and

WHEREAS, Also during his tenure, the redevelopment of downtown Oswego was begun, including the development of a new downtown comprehensive plan; several downtown projects have been completed or are under construction, including Washington Place, the first new commercial building built in Oswego in two decades; the village also saw the build out of its largest business park and the second phase of another business park; several other significant projects were completed during his tenure, including the 112,000-square-foot Anfinson Assembly facility and the 25,000-square-foot Dreyer Medical Clinic building; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, the OEDC launched the Oswego Visitors Bureau, which promotes visitors to the community; last year, AmericInn Lodge & Suites became the second hotel to open in Oswego; Mr. Krahn is still active in the OEDC and currently chairs the OEDC's capital campaign, which is raising funds for the OEDC's new office space in downtown Oswego; he also serves as a member of the Oswego Visitors Bureau Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, He is a lifelong resident of Oswego; he and his wife, Peggy, own Fox Valley Trophy in downtown Oswego; they are both very active in the community; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dave Krahn on the occasion of his retirement as founding director of the Oswego Economic Development Corporation Board, and we thank him for his service on the Oswego Village Board of Trustees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mr. Krahn as an expression of our

esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 635

Offered by Representative Flider:

WHEREAS, Leslie A. Albert, Sr., Fire Chief of the City of Decatur, is retiring in October 2005 after 29 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albert joined the Decatur Fire Department in 1976 as a Firefighter; he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1983, Fire Captain in 1988, Battalion Chief in 1992, Fire Marshal in 1995, and Fire Chief in 1996; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Blue Mound High School, Richland Community College in 1990, the National Fire Academy in 1998, Western Illinois University in 1999, and Grand Canyon University in 2002, where he completed a Master of Science Executive Fire Service Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Albert has been active in community affairs and professional organizations; he has served on several Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal's ad hoc committees involving technical rescues and Richland Community College's Fire Science and EMS Advisory Boards; and

WHEREAS, He also retired in 1997 as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves after 20 years of service and is a critical care technician, certified cardiographic technician, EMS and CPR instructor, paramedic, and advanced cardiac life support instructor; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife, Sue, have two sons, Leslie A. Albert, Jr., and Todd M. Albert, and five grandchildren; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Leslie A. Albert, Sr., on his 29 years of exceptional service with the Decatur Fire Department and wish him all the best in his retirement and future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Leslie A. Albert, Sr., as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 636

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, It is the privilege of this Body to recognize citizens of the State who have made extensive contributions to their community; and

WHEREAS, After 30 years of dedicated public service, Kay Pugh of Salem has retired from her volunteer position on the Little Egypt Festival Parade Committee, which she served as Parade Chairman; and

WHEREAS, Marching bands and floats took their places in the Little Egypt Parade, the centerpiece of the Little Egypt Festival, on Saturday, October 1, 2005, when Mrs. Pugh served for the final time as a member of the parade committee; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Kay Pugh on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of service on the Little Egypt Festival Parade Committee, and we thank her for her many years of serving the public in a volunteer capacity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Mrs. Pugh as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 638

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, Kathleen Lange was chosen as the 2005 National Education Association-ESP of the Year; she was also chosen as the Illinois Education Association-ESP of the Year in 2004; and

WHEREAS, IEA-ESP membership exceeds 23,000; its members are actively involved in the association at the local, state, and national levels, in their community organizations, and in school restructuring efforts as partners with their teachers and administrative colleagues; the IEA-ESP award is meant to further emphasize the contributions of Educational Support Professionals to their association, schools, and community; and

WHEREAS, The National Education Association-ESP has over 375,000 members and, each year, one of the 50 state association awardees is chosen as the NEA-ESP of the Year; and

WHEREAS, As the recipient of the NEA-ESP of the Year award, Ms. Lange receives \$10,000; she is donating the entire award to the RAINBOWS Program in District 59; RAINBOWS is an international, not-for-profit organization that fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis, such as divorce, death, or severe illness; and

WHEREAS, Since 1995, she has worked as a Health Care Assistant in a K-5 elementary school; after developing an electronic log for student visits that is now used district-wide at all 14 schools, she accepted a temporary assignment in the Technology Department in November 2004, where she assists members in achieving data quality objectives within the district's web-based database; and

WHEREAS, When Salt Creek School applied to The Lincoln Foundation for the 2004 Lincoln Award for progress toward excellence, she was asked to join the writing team; Salt Creek won the Lincoln Bronze Award for their commitment to adopt and apply continuous improvement principles in their school; and

WHEREAS, After serving as an Association Representative for two years, she was the first ESP elected as president of her wall-to-wall local; in 2002, she was elected as Region Chair, the first time an ESP was elected to serve as Chair of Region 43; as the chair of Region 43, she has worked to help certified members and ESP members see the "common ground" that is shared by all IEA-NEA members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Kathleen Lange on being chosen as the NEA-ESP of the Year 2005 and wish her the very best in her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Kathleen Lange as an expression of our admiration and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 639

Offered by Representative May:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois are pleased to congratulate Dr. Richard Adis on the occasion of his 60th birthday; and

WHEREAS, He was born in Chicago on December 10, 1945, to Beverly and Louis Adis; he attended Nettlehorst Grammar School, Lakeview High School, and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; he earned his M.D. from Chicago Medical School, serving his residency at the University of Chicago; he was a Major in the U.S. Army, serving at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Adis is the proud father of Morgan, who lives in Hollywood, California, with his wife, Sarah; Dr. Adis is married to Penny Mitnick and lives with her and children, Emily and Jonathan Hymen, in Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, He has practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 29 years and has safely delivered countless new citizens of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, He enjoys skiing, Bruce Springsteen, University of Michigan football, and desserts, and he is known for his boundless energy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Dr. Richard Adis on the occasion of his 60th birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to him as an expression of our esteem and with best wishes for many more happy birthdays.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 640

Offered by Representative Granberg:

WHEREAS, This year marks the 79th year for the annual Centralia Halloween Parade; and

WHEREAS, The parade was first organized in 1923 by Harry and Rhoda Mapes and Arthur Noren; a Mardi Gras theme was chosen for the first parade; it was led by Police Chief Erwin, Fire Chief T.C. Neely, Mayor D.F. Lender, and Commissioners Glore, Piefer, Cunningham, Garnier, and Newman; and

WHEREAS, The tradition has carried on throughout the years, with such themes as Halloween Frolic, Spooky Halloween, Songs, Historical Events, Filmland Revue, Fiction Fantasy, Remember When, The World of Disney, Through the Eyes of a Child, Family Traditions, and Century Celebrations; during World War II, a War Bond Auction and dances were held; and

WHEREAS, There have been many well-known grand marshals and attendees of the parade, including St. Louis Cardinals players Ted Simmons, Fred Bird, Tom Lawless, and Greg Mathews; Pat and Richard Nixon; former Harlem Globetrotter Bobby Joe Mason; the Ninja Turtles; and Uncle Sam (as portrayed by Kendall Mayes); and

WHEREAS, The co-chairmen of the 79th annual parade to be held on Saturday, October 29, 2005, are Rob Jackson and Justin Moll; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize the grand tradition that is the Centralia Halloween Parade in its 79th year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Rob Jackson and Justin Moll as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 641

Offered by Representative Mendoza:

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2005, the Back of the Yards Neighborhood Council (BYNC) Ballet Folklorico won first place during a national competition and became the U.S. Champions in the Mexican Folkloric dance world; and

WHEREAS, The BYNC Ballet Folklorico was formed in July of 1994 as an after-school program for children at risk in the Back of the Yards community; and

WHEREAS, The program was to teach the youth about Mexican history, culture, and heritage through dance lessons and to offer them an alternative to gang participation and other negative activities in the community; and

WHEREAS, This kind of constructive activity in a group setting improves the self-esteem of youth and, in turn, increases reading scores in the neighborhood schools, decreases the dropout rate in the high schools, increases attendance records, and decreases the mobility rate of the students so they can improve their academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, The dance group began with 30 children and young adults performing at local churches and community centers; today, 368 youth from the Back of the Yards belong to the BYNC's Ballet Folklorico under the artistic direction of Salvador Cisneros, the creative direction of America Balbuena Cisneros, and the instruction of Jorge Emilio Corona and Teresa Ivette Luna; and

WHEREAS, The BYNC Ballet Folklorico has received many accolades and awards for their performances; in 1999, the Ballet received the Best of the Festival Award at the Viva Aztlan Theater and Dance Competition in Lubbock, Texas; that same year, they won first place in both the Children and Adult Division and won first place in Variety of Dances presented; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the members of the BYNC Ballet Folklorico on becoming the U.S. Champions in the Mexican Folkloric dance world and extend our sincerest best wishes for their continued success and happiness; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the BYNC Ballet Folklorico as an expression of our highest regards.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 642

Offered by Representative Bill Mitchell:

WHEREAS, The South Wheatland Fire Protection District was officially voted in by referendum in November of 1952 and had a series of planning meetings until April of 1955, when the district's first fire station was opened on old State Route 47/48; and

WHEREAS, In early 1960, a newer, larger fire station was constructed in the 1800 block of Taylorville Rd.; this building has had two additions and upgrades throughout the years; and

WHEREAS, The South Wheatland Fire Protection District is approximately 36 square miles in size and provides fire protection, rescue, and emergency medical services to approximately 3,600 citizens in a portion of four different townships on the south, southeast, and southwest fringes of Decatur; the district responds to approximately 125 calls for service per year; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the South Wheatland Fire Protection District an open house to recognize the efforts of current and past members and trustees and to promote fire safety awareness to the public will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2005; also planned for this day are static displays of fire apparatus and equipment, demonstrations, tours of the facility, door prizes, and refreshments; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the South Wheatland Fire Protection District on the occasion of its 50th anniversary, and we recognize all of the citizens that have served the public by working in the fire protection district; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the South Wheatland Fire Protection District as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 643

Offered by Representative May:

WHEREAS, The Recreation Center of Highland Park is scheduled for its dedication on Saturday, October 15, 2005; the celebration will feature appearances by Park District and City officials; and

WHEREAS, The construction of the Recreation Center began in June of 2004 as a cooperative venture between the City and the Park District of Highland Park; built as an addition to the Highland Park Country Club, the 60,000 square foot, state-of-the-art recreation facility features several amenities, including a 5,000 square foot fitness center, a six-lane indoor swimming pool, two regulation basketball courts, an elevated running/walking track, childcare, programming, and multi-purpose rooms; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the construction of the recreation facility, this project also included improvements to the adjacent infrastructure as well as the renovation of the Highland Park Country Club Golf Shop and Cafe; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Park District, City, and residents of Highland Park on the opening of the new Recreation Center of Highland Park on Saturday, October 15, 2005; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Recreation Center of Highland Park with our best wishes.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 644

Offered by Representative McCarthy:

WHEREAS, Rick Guerin of Clarendon Hills is one of 12 principals throughout the United States to be named a 2005 National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guerin has been Principal at St. Bede the Venerable School of Chicago since 1975; he holds a bachelor's degree from St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and a master's degree in education administration and curriculum instruction from St. Xavier University; and

WHEREAS, He was chosen for the award from a pool of more than 7,100 principals; he has been previously honored with the Educator of the Year award from St. Xavier University in 1985 and the 2004

Dr. Robert J. Kealey Distinguished Principal Award from the National Catholic Education Association; and WHEREAS, He was presented with this award in Washington, D.C., during the National Distinguished Principals Program on October 6 and 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, He has been married to Eileen for 34 years, and they have been blessed with three children, Ricky, Megan, and Katie; they have one grandson, Jack; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Rick Guerin on being named one of the 2005 National Distinguished Principals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to him as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 645

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to recognize milestone events in the lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Terrence Dashon Howard was the recipient of the NAACP Image Award, an independent Spirit Award, and a Chicago Film Critics Award for his work in Malcolm D. Lee's "The Best Man"; and

WHEREAS, Terrence Howard was born on March 11, 1969 in Chicago; he graduated from the Pratt Institute with a degree in chemical engineering; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard was deeply influenced by his grandmother, New York stage actress Minnie Gentry; Terrence apparently shared the same talents as his grandmother, as he gravitated toward acting; and

WHEREAS, He worked at the craft and started his career on the small screen where he first nabbed a small appearance on the series "Family Matters" and "Coach"; he made his official debut at the age of 23, when he had a small role in the made-for-TV movie, "The Jacksons: An American Dream"; two years later, he landed a recurring role in "Picket Fences" and in 1995, appeared briefly opposite Richard Dreyfuss in "Mr. Holland's Opus"; that same year, Howard impressed critics in the film "Dead Presidents" and then hooked viewers onto UPN's "Sparks" in 1996; and

WHEREAS, He won a lead part in the basketball film, "Sunset Park" before continuing to appear in a string of supporting roles in "The Players Club", "The Best Man", "Big Momma's House", and "Angel Eyes" during the late '90s and early '00s; his breakthrough role began with the 2002 war film "Hart's War"; and in 2002, he won a Black Reel award as Best Supporting Actor in the TV movie "Boycott"; and

WHEREAS, Terrence Howard lit up the screen in the critically-acclaimed "Crash"; he also starred opposite Jamie Foxx in the Oscar-winning "Ray" and played a pimp/hopeful rapper in "Hustle & Flow"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Howard has seen his movie roles increase in magnitude and range with each coming year and his rising success is well-deserved; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that that we congratulate Terrence Dashon Howard on his outstanding career to date and on his recent awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Terrence Dashon Howard as an expression of our esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 646

Offered by Representative John Bradley:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of James E. Redden of Marion on Thursday, September 8, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redden was born on January 11, 1932, in West Frankfort to Hugh F. and Thelma (Frazier) Redden; he married Rosemary Gothard on January 16, 1953, in Herrin, and together they shared more than 52 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from McKendree College in Lebanon in 1953, where he played football, ran

track, and was manager for the basketball team; he valiantly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service, Mr. Redden taught and coached at Cairo and Eldorado high schools; he was program manager for Universal Match Corp, vice president of Central Technology, Inc. of Herrin, retired after 20 years as vice president with Olin Corporation in Marion and East Alton, and executive vice president of Valentec International Corp in St. Louis; he also taught business management courses at Southern Illinois University and John A. Logan College; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Marion Rotary Club, and the Williamson County Airport Authority Board; he was an organizer and director of South Pointe Bank, a precinct committeeman for the Republican Party, and a 32nd degree Mason of Marion Lodge 89 A.F. and A.M., Valley of Southern Illinois; he served as past president of the Marion Wildcats Booster Club and the Marion Chamber of Commerce, receiving the Marion Man of the Year award from the Chamber in 1976; he was a past president of Marion Youth Baseball and Softball, a past chairman of the Williamson County Red Cross and the Williamson County Housing Authority, and a past trustee of John A. Logan College; he had served as a member of the John A. Logan College Foundation Board, the Southern Illinois University School of Business Advisory Board, the Southern Illinois Foundation Board, the Marion Civic Center Board, the Southern Illinois Inc. Board, and the Methodist Children Home (Mount Vernon) Board; he was an avid golfer at West Frankfort Golf Club; and

WHEREAS, The passing of James E. Redden has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Rosemary; his daughter, Jamie Powell and husband, Nick; his sons, Don G. Redden and wife, Lynne, and Terry D. Redden and wife, Debbie; his grandchildren, Autumn Redden, Brittany Powell, James Douglas Redden, and Brett Powell; his great-granddaughter, Summer Combs; his brother, Bill Redden and wife, Donna; his sisters, Marge Carter and husband, Sam, Janet LeFeber, and Betty Pasternak and husband, Frank; his sister-in-law, Betty Redden; and several nieces and nephews; he was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Hugh Redden; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of James E. Redden, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 647

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Donald Wosczyński of Calumet City on October 5, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Donald C. Wosczyński was born on May 7, 1931 to Helen and Kazmir Wosczyński in South Chicago; he attended St. Michael's Grade School and was a proud alumni of Bowen High School in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wosczyński was a proud veteran of the Korean War; he served his country honorably as an electrician poleman in the U.S. Army; he was honorably discharged in 1952 when he returned home to help his sister care for his parents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wosczyński began working for U.S. Steel South Works at the age of 19 and returned to work there after his time in the Army; he retired from that company after 32 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wosczyński married Magdalena "Leni" Soritsch in 1963 and they became the proud parents of two daughters, Claudia and Sylvia; he was a dedicated and supportive husband and father who always made sure his family had what they needed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wosczyński was a caring son and brother, a loving husband and father, an understanding son-in-law and nephew, and a dedicated friend; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Donald C. Wosczyński has been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Alderwoman Magdalena "Leni" Wosczyński; his daughters, Claudia (Kenneth) Casner and Sylvia Wosczyński; his grandson, Michael Casner; his sister, Phyllis Wosczyński; his mother-in-law Barbara Soritsch; and a multitude of other relatives and friends; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Donald C. Wosczyński, and

we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 648

Offered by Representative Miller:

WHEREAS, The National Education Associations's 377,000 Education Support Professional (ESP) members and the 23,000 ESP members of the Illinois Education Association take care of our children every day and make sure they have the tools they need to succeed in our schools and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, ESPs constitute more than 40% of the total K-12 education workforce and are a critically important part of the school community and the education of the children of this State; and

WHEREAS, These professionals are directly involved in the delivery of educational services that positively affect student learning as bus drivers, cafeteria workers, paraeducators, school nurses, office assistants, technicians, custodians, and security professionals; and

WHEREAS, ESP members of the National Education Association bring years of experience to their jobs, are dedicated to students and schools, and form a strong link between schools and the communities they serve; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Educational Support Professionals for outstanding service to the schools and children of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Illinois Education Association as an expression of our respect and esteem.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 649

Offered by Representative Hultgren:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the death of Judge Anthony Peccarelli of Wheaton on Sunday, September 25, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Peccarelli was born in 1928 and grew up in New Jersey; he came to the Midwest to attend Beloit College in Wisconsin, graduating in 1953; he graduated from John Marshall Law School in 1959, beginning a legal career that lasted until shortly before his death; and

WHEREAS, He was a DuPage County Assistant State's Attorney from 1962 to 1968, then was in private practice until his appointment as an Associate DuPage County Judge in 1979; he was elected a Circuit Judge in 1982, serving in various branches of the court and as Chief Judge from 1989 to 1993; he was appointed to the Illinois Appellate Court in 1993 and served there until 1994; in 1995 he was appointed DuPage County State's Attorney and served in that capacity for two years; and

WHEREAS, As Chief Judge, he faced immediate challenges, many created when the then-new courthouse in Wheaton was closed because of air quality problems; while the courthouse was closed for repairs for seven months in 1992 and 1993, Judge Peccarelli managed the courts' routine business while helping find temporary quarters for more than 30 judges and scores of other court personnel and helping plan a return to the courthouse when work there was completed; and

WHEREAS, As State's Attorney in 1995 and 1996, he dealt with a case that has bedeviled prosecutors in DuPage County since 1983 - the murder of 10-year-old Jeanine Nicarico in Naperville; he and Sheriff Richard Doria asked for appointment of a special prosecutor to look into complaints of official misconduct in the case; and

WHEREAS, After serving as State's Attorney, he founded a mediation service and worked in private practice part time; he was a mediator in a DuPage County court program designed to help litigants find common ground outside the formal courtroom process and also was appointed to be County Board ethicist; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Judge Anthony Peccarelli has been deeply felt by many, especially his two sons, Andrew and David; his daughter, Laura Anderson; his brother, Louis; his sister, Marie Grisanti; his five grandchildren; and his great-grandchild; he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Judge Anthony Peccarelli, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest condolences.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 651

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly was sad to learn of the death of Jeune Jackson-Thompson on Monday, October 10, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Jeune Jackson-Thompson was born March 21, 1953 to Johnny and June Jackson in Chicago, Illinois; she was the beloved sister of Willard (Chickie) Moody; she was blessed with a foster grandmother, Elnora Johnson, until the age of fourteen; in 1967 she became the adopted daughter of J.D. and Mary Springfield and acquired five loving sisters; and

WHEREAS, Jeune attended and completed Willard Elementary and DuSable High School; she furthered her education by attending nursing school and worked at Park West Medical Center; when Jeune had the opportunity, she changed careers to her true passion, entertainment; Jeune was a shining light to all who entered the doors at Black Entertainment Television (BET) for the past seven years, and she will be sorely missed by her co-workers; and

WHEREAS, Jeune married Sherman Thompson and acquired a stepdaughter, Tina; to this union, one son, Courtney Thompson, would be born; Jeune was the kind of mother everyone would want, loving, understanding, supportive, a good provider and a best friend to her son Courtney; and

WHEREAS, Jeune accepted Christ at an early age; during her early teens, she joined the SCLC Operation Breadbasket Choir and also united with the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church; the choir was an intricate part of Jeune's life and was enriched by her voice and keen ear for music; the Breadbasket Choir evolved into what is now known as the National Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Choir; Jeune's activities in the choir fused her passion for music and social justice, enabling her to travel the country on behalf of African American people to picket lines, marches and rallies; emerging from this choir was a group who call themselves The Ascensions, whose members included Eric Thomas, Cenita Scott, Kim Steel, Cynthia Rainey, and Jeune; Jeune could always tell when someone was off key and in the sweetest of ways, quietly put them back on note; they achieved huge success as they traveled the country working with such name artists as Walter Jackson, Gene Chandler, and the late Reverend Marvin Yancy; even today, they are still achieving success at the opening act for great artists, including Jennifer Holliday; and

WHEREAS, Jeune leaves surviving her husband, Sherman; her son, Courtney; her stepdaughter, Tina; her mother, June Jackson; her brother, Willard (Barbara) Moody; her mother, Mary Springfield; a sister-in-law, Linda Henderson; five sisters: Tracy (George) Simmons, Cenita (Bill) Scott, Cindy (Dan) Newhold, Gail Hawkins, and Michael (Reggie) Peterson; an aunt, Lovana S. Jones; two uncles, Harvey Day and Bradley Walker; 2 grandchildren, 22 nieces, 19 nephews; numerous cousins including Toni and Suzette Fitzpatrick; and a host of loving relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Jeune Jackson-Thompson will be greatly missed, especially by her friends and family; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of Jeune Jackson-Thompson; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Jeune Jackson-Thompson as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 652

Offered by Representative Munson:

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois wish to congratulate Aurea (Audrey) Reed on her work and numerous achievements during her tenure as Executive Director of

Centro de Informacion; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed was born in Bayamon, Puerto Rico; she received her bachelor's degree in History and Christian Religion in 1968 from Judson College and her master's degree in Religion from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1970; and

WHEREAS, She is married to Dan Reed and has three adult sons; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed was employed as a home school bilingual liaison for District U46 from 1991 to 1993; from 1993 to 1994, she worked as a community/social worker at Children's Home and Aid Society; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed's employment with Centro de Informacion (Centro) began in 1994; she became Executive Director of Centro in 1995; and

WHEREAS, During Mrs. Reed's tenure as Executive Director at Centro, the agency has gone from a deficit budget and indebtedness to fiscal solvency and a budget exceeding half a million dollars; she also aided in the reestablishment of organization and professionalism in the agency's expanding staff and the relocation of agency offices; and

WHEREAS, Under Mrs. Reed's leadership, new programs, including workshops, informational clinics, job fairs, and toy giveaways, were started within the agency; the agency also opened its Carpentersville satellite office; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reed has worked to create new partnerships for Centro in a quest to better serve the community, including partnerships with Sherman Hospital, Junior Service Board (Clothing Center), Community Crisis Center, Ecker Center, Renz Addiction Center, Girl Scouts, and EFS Bank; she has obtained funding for the agency from both the St. Charles and Northwest Suburban United Ways and established other funding sources; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Aurea (Audrey) Reed on her hard work and many accomplishments while serving as Executive Director of Centro de Informacion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Aurea Reed as a token of our respect and esteem with best wishes on all future endeavors.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 653

Offered by Representative Howard:

WHEREAS, The men and women from Illinois who ably serve our country as members of the United States Armed Forces are entitled to our appreciation, respect, and support; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Alonzo Darrell Baker, of the U.S. Navy, has served his country with distinction and has recently suffered losses from destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Baker grew up in Calumet Park, Illinois, and he graduated from Harold L. Richards High School in May of 1997; after graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Baker has served his country with distinction; shortly after enlisting, he reported onboard the USS Curtis Wilbur, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan; Petty Officer Baker continued his active duty tour and received his Certificate of Graduation from the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Institution; in 2000, he reported onboard the USS Kitty Hawk, America's only deployed aircraft carrier, also homeported in Yokosuka, Japan; Petty Officer Baker continued his intelligence career and finished in the top of his class at the Naval Special Warfare Intelligence Institution; he has received numerous letters and commendations during his 8-year active duty tour, including 3 Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medals; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Baker is currently stationed in Mississippi, and in June of 2005, he served temporary duty in Bagdad, Iraq, assisting in the current military operations in that region; and

WHEREAS, While Petty Officer Baker was serving his country in Iraq, Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast of the United States, including Petty Officer Baker's home in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning from Iraq to aid in post-disaster relief, Petty Officer Baker found that all of his personal belongings had been destroyed by the hurricane; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our appreciation, respect, and support to Petty Officer Alonzo Darrell Baker and to all of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who are dedicated to the service of their country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the citizens of Illinois to take action to help restore the quality of life for Petty Officer Baker and others whose lives have been devastated by the recent hurricanes in the Gulf Coast; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Petty Officer Alonzo Darrell Baker as an expression of our esteem.

At the hour of 4:30 o'clock p.m., Representative Poe moved that the House do now adjourn until Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.